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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 1881.

[PRICE—\$16 PER ANNUM.]

Shipping. FOR MANILA.

THE Steamship
"ESMERALDA,"
Captain Talbot, will be despatched for
the above Port on MONDAY, the 12th
Instant, at 3 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
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Hongkong, September 2nd, 1881.

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signature and to take immediate deliv-
ery of their Goods from alongside.
Cargo impeding her discharge or
remaining on board after the 10th
instant, will be landed and stored at
Consignee's risk and expense and no
Fire Insurance will be effected.

Consignees are hereby informed,
that any claims must be made imme-
diately, as none will be entertained
after the 12th instant.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
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Hongkong, 3rd September, 1881.

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AUCTION OF MACHINERY.

MESSRS. GENATO & Co. have
been instructed to sell by
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on the 15th instant, unless previously
disposed of by private agreement, all
THE MACHINERY
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Consisting of Turning Lathes of all
descriptions, Planing Punching, and
Shearing Machines, Drilling Machines,
Tools, Sets of Stocks and Dies (Whit-
worth's), Tube Expanders, Root's
Blowers, Cranes, and a large stock of
Plate Iron and Bar Iron, Shafts of
from 4 to 10 inches diameter round
and square, &c., &c.

They will also offer for sale a com-
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SUGAR REFINERY PLANT,
perfectly new, never having been used,
built by SHEARS & SONS, London, com-
prising Copper Vacuum Pan, Double
Bottom Pan, Engine and 2 Boilers, 4
Copper Bag Filters, Set of Tanks, 2
Treble Barrel Copper and Gun Metal
Pumps, and other attachments.

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chinery will shortly be on view at
the Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, September 1st, 1881.

CRICKET.

THE Annual General Meeting of
the Hongkong Cricket Club will
be held at the Cricket Pavilion on
THURSDAY NEXT, the 15th
instant, at 5 p.m.

Certain additional rules for the Gov-
ernment of the Club will be proposed
at this Meeting.

Gentlemen desirous of joining the
Cricket Club are requested to com-
municate with the Honorary Secretary.

WILLIAM HYNES,

Honorary Secretary,

H. K. C. C.

Hongkong, 8th September, 1881.

TO LET.

HOUSES at SPRING GARDENS.

Apply to

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215, Wanchai Club.

Hongkong, 7th September, 1881.

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA
DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

**CONTRIBUTING SHARE-
HOLDERS** are requested to
send in a Statement of Business con-
tributed during the half-year ended
30th June, 1881, on or before Sep-
tember 30th, on which date the Ac-
counts will be closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors
R. COOKE,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 30th August, 1881.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA
DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

During my absence from Hongkong,
Mr. ROBERT COOKE will act as
Secretary.

By Order of the Board,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

**TUITION IN THE FRENCH
LANGUAGE,**

by Monsieur LOUIS PIRON, SEN.;
SINGING (CULTURE OF THE VOICE)
by Monsieur EUGENE PIRON, JUN.,
44, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, August 30th 1881.

G. FALCONER & Co.,

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MANUFACTURERS

AND
JEWELLERS.
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,
CHARTS AND BOOKS.
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For Sale, or Hire.

Intimations.

V.  R.
GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 219.

SALE OF THE OPIUM FARM.

Notice is hereby given, that TEN-
DERS for the PRIVILEGE of PRE-
PARING and SELLING PREPARED
OPIUM within the Colony for the term
of ONE, TWO, or THREE YEARS
from the 1st of March, 1882, under
the provisions of Ordinance No. 2 of
1858, No. 1 of 1859, and No. 7 of
1879, will be received at this Office
until Noon on MONDAY, the 24th
October, 1881.

Each Tender should specify the
monthly payment offered for the period
above-mentioned.

The Government does not bind itself
to accept the highest or any Tender.

Should the highest Tender be less
than the sum the Governor thinks a
fair price for the Opium Farm, His
Excellency in Council will grant Li-
cences direct under Section 3 of the
Ordinance, and take such further steps
as may be necessary to realize a fair
price.

By His Excellency's Command,
M. S. TONNOCHY,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 20th August, 1881.

RECORD OF AMERICAN and FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agents,
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

THE Undersigned have been ap-
pointed AGENTS to the NEW
YORK BOARD OF UNDER-
WRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

LE CERCLE-TRANSPORTS.

SOCIETE ANONYME D'ASSURANCE
MARITIME MARSEILLE.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....15,000,000 Francs.
CAPITAL PAID-UP..... 3,750,000 Francs.

The Undersigned, having been ap-
pointed AGENTS of the above Company,
are prepared to GRANT POLICIES
on MARINE RISKS to all parts of
the World.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

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DAVID CORSEAR & SONS'
Merchant Navy
Navy Boiled
Long Flax
Crown
CANVAS.

ARNHOLD KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

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LONDON AERATED
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AND GENERAL AGENTS.
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and EYE GLASSES, in great
varieties, and General Goods.
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at moderate rates.

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COPPERSMITHS, AND BRASS-
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FANCY AND LEATHER GOODS.
PHOTOGRAPHIC ALBUMS in New and Elegant Designs.
PHOTOGRAPHIC FRAMES in Velvet, Plush, and Leather.

Pocket Books.

Tourist Cases.

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Gladstone Bags.

MANILA CIGARS.

A few Boxes of REGALIAS and LONDRES in very fine condition.

NOVELTIES IN FANCY STATIONERY.

Graphic Correspondence Cards.

Invitations for Lawn Tennis.

Invitations for Dinner.

Tinted Repp Note Paper and Envelopes.

Papier de Luxe (a combined Note and Envelope Chit).

KELLY & WALSH—QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 5th September, 1881.

T. N. DRISCOLL,

TAILOR, HOSIER, HATTER, AND GENERAL OUTFITTER,
No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,

Next door to the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China.

White, Brown, and Fancy Striped
Cotton Socks.

White and Fancy Striped Merino Socks.

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White and Grey Scotch Lamb's Wool
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White, Brown, and Fancy Striped
Lisle Thread Socks.

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India Gauze Undershirts and Drawers.

Smedley's Gause Merino Undershirts
and Drawers.

Linen and Paper Collars and Wrist-
bands.

White Kid and Dogskin Gloves.

Coloured Cloth Gloves.

White and Brown Turkish Towels.

Honey-comb Towels and Bath Blan-
kets.

Knitted Cholera Belts.

Portmanteaus, Trunks, and Bags.

Drab and Felt Hats in newest styles.

Masonic Regalia.

White Merino Undershirts and Draw-
ers.

Red Drab Merino Undershirts and
Drawers.

White Lamb's Wool Undershirts and
Drawers.

Shetland Scotch Lamb's Wool Under-
shirts and Drawers.

White French Cashmere Undershirts
and Drawers.

White Shirts, Military and Pleated
Fronts.

Coloured French Regatta Shirts.

Crimean Shirts, in all Wool and Silk
and Wool.

Silk Scarves in latest styles.

Wool Scarves and Wrappers.

White Cambric Handkerchiefs.

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Silk Umbrellas.

Waterproof Coats and Suits.

Ivory and Gold Studs in suites.

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Shirts of every kind made to measure on the shortest notice at reasonable prices.

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Hongkong, 1st September, 1881.

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HAVE for sale ex recent arrivals, Light Breakfast CLARETS in quarts and
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De St. Marceaux & Co's CHAMPAGNE in quarts, pints and half-pints.

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CHARTREUSE, CURAÇOA, MARASCHINO.

Price list on application.

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Great Clearance Sale.

Commencing on MONDAY, the 29th AUGUST,
and continuing

THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER.

An Early Inspection is respectfully invited.

All Goods marked in plain figures at

GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

Terms—Cash.

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Prompt Attention given to Coast
Orders.

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SHANGHAI PHARMACY,

SHANGHAI.
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THE DISPENSARY,

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Notices to Correspondents.

All communications should be addressed The
Editor, "Hongkong Telegraph," 15, Wellington
Street.

All letters for publication must be written on one
side of the paper only.

Correspondents are requested to forward their
names and addresses with all communications in-
tended for insertion, not necessarily for publication,
but as evidence of good faith.

Notices to Subscribers.

Subscribers who do not receive their newspapers
within thirty-five minutes after the time of publica-
tion will oblige by communicating with the Editor.

Domestic Notices, if properly authenticated, will
be inserted free of charge.

THE
Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 9TH SEPTEMBER, 1881.

THAT the more prominent officials of the Chinese Government are fully alive to the absolute necessity of moving onwards with the times, if the independence and high position of the vast empire are to be maintained, has lately been practically demonstrated in various ways. However averse the great mandarins may be, for interested motives, to the introduction of European innovations, the necessities of the country have made it apparent that the good old days of Chinese exclusiveness are gradually but surely drawing to a close. The energy and intelligence displayed in all matters concerning the welfare of their country, by men of princely rank like Li Hung Chang and Tso Tsung-tang, may be accepted as good omens of a prosperous future, and now that the absurd prejudices which have so long existed in the Middle Kingdom against the introduction of the scientific and useful inventions of Europe and America are dying out, there is every likelihood of a prosperous future for a nation which is practically still a sealed book to the outside world.

Rumours have lately been afloat in Peking, that some understanding has been arrived at between the Viceroy of Chihli and Tso Tsung-tang on the proposed introduction of railways. It is to be hoped that there is some truth in these rumours, as a railway system is the only means by which the interior of this great empire can be opened out to foreign intercourse and trade. Li Hung-chang memorialised the Throne some time ago, warmly advocating the introduction of railways, and it was then stated that the Viceroy of the Liang Kiang had energetically supported the proposed innovation, although that estimable and enlightened statesman, Liu K'un-yi (who by the way has lately been ordered to hand over his seals of office as Governor-General of the Two Kiang and Superintendent of Trade for the Southern Ports to Admiral Peng Yulin, and report himself at Peking) afterwards repudiated the part assigned to him, and vehemently denounced railways and all other foreign introductions. The Empress, it appears, was not favorably disposed towards the Viceroy of Chihli's radical

measures, and turned a deaf ear to Li's repeated memorials on the subject. However as the two greatest living Chinamen, Li and Tso, have apparently come to some understanding on the subject which is of paramount importance to their country's welfare, as well as on other matters relating to the political, social, and commercial future of China, we are disposed to believe that before long we shall hear that active steps have been taken to inaugurate a system of railways, which will in time intersect the empire in every direction.

We are the more favorably disposed to look hopefully on the prospects of railways, and other modern inventions, as future factors in the existence of China as a great power, from the events of the past two years. We have seen the Chinese Government striving to form an army and navy after European models, armed with European weapons; we have seen the substitution of steamers for the old fashioned junks, fostered, encouraged, and materially assisted by the greatest of Chinese statesmen, Li Hung Chang; we have seen intercourse with foreign nations at last looked on with some degree of favor by the mighty ones of Peking; and the construction of a telegraph line from Shanghai to Tientsin on account of the Chinese Government has naturally, and on good grounds, given us hope to believe that Imperial obstruction, and mandarin terrorism are on their last legs.

With reference to the telegraph lines, a recent number of the *North China Daily News* gives the following interesting particulars:—

The construction of the Chinese Government telegraph line from Shanghai to Tientsin is making satisfactory progress, the work being carried on by an engineering staff supplied by the Great Northern Telegraph Company, and under the personal supervision of Chinese officials. However much astonished the natives along the route may be, and though they may have feelings of hostility towards such an innovation, the presence of Government officials, and the stamp of Government property on the work, are an effectual bar to any opposition which such an enterprise would have otherwise had to encounter. The southern end of the line has already been constructed over a distance 140 miles, or about 40 miles on the other side of Soochow; and from the northern end, Tientsin, the line has been carried as far south as Lin-tsing. Service messages only have been sent between Shanghai and Soochow, with the exception of a congratulatory telegram sent by the Futai to the General Agent of the Great Northern Company, Mr. Geo. J. Holland. Business will not be opened by sections; the whole line will be opened at once, and the inauguration is expected to take place at the end of this year, by which time a staff of operators will have been brought from Europe by the Great Northern Company to work the line.

As the Chinese Government has so far recognised the usefulness of European inventions as to construct a telegraph line of the importance of this Shanghai-Tientsin undertaking, it is reasonable enough to infer that they are not blinded to the advantages to be derived from a wide extension of the principle, which they have so tardily recognised and adopted. Railways will undoubtedly follow the telegraph, and with their introduction will commence a new era in Chinese history.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The British steamer *Danube* left this port for Bangkok this morning.

By telegraphic news from London we learn that numerous collisions are occurring in Ireland between the police and the people.

The enquiry as to the causes which led to the destruction of H. M. S. *Dotterel* has resulted in a finding that the explosion had its origin in the coal bunkers.

The telegram published the other day to the effect that Lieut General Carr and 117 officers and men of the United States army had been killed by the Arizona Indians was apparently a gross exaggeration. By latest wire Lieut. General Carr is reported safe, and the total loss is stated as 11 killed.

The General Agent of the Pacific Mail S. S. Co. has received a telegram stating that the *City of Peking* left San Francisco on the 6th instant.

We are informed by Messrs. Butterfield & Swire that the Ocean Steamship Company's steamer *Tauco*, left Singapore for this port on the forenoon of the 7th instant.

As will be seen by an advertisement in another column a meeting of the members of the Hongkong Cricket Club will be held in the Pavilion on Thursday next the 15th inst. at 5 p.m.

We are informed by the Superintendent that the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Rosetta*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for this port at eight o'clock yesterday morning.

Another weather telegram was received in town at noon yesterday, but reached us too late for publication; it runs thus:—Amoy, 8th inst., noon.—Since eight, this morning weather improving. Gale not very severe. Tail end of a typhoon. Began yesterday in N.E., veered round gradually to S.E. Lowest reading of barometer 29.40.

The steamship *Suez* will be docked at Aberdeen; and the American ship *Mary L. Stone* at Sam-shui-po this afternoon. The Australian barque *Kate Tatham* is expected to come off the Patent Slip at Belcher's Bay in the course of the day, and the British barque *Yarrow* will probably be hauled up to-morrow.

The prisoner Wong Afuk, who some time ago assaulted Mr. M. S. Tonnochy, Superintendent of the Victoria Gaol, was tried for the offence yesterday afternoon, by two Justices of the Peace, Messrs. Ryrie and McEuen, in the gaol. We are unable to give authoritatively the result of the trial consequent on the exclusion of the reporters, but it is rumoured that the prisoner was sentenced to receive 36 lashes.

The British steamer *Bowen*, Captain Darke, which arrived here from Sydney this morning, reports:—Left Sydney August 21st, and arrived at Townsville at 5.54 p.m. 25th ultimo; left again same night and arrived at Cooktown at 9 p.m. of the 26th; left Cooktown at 4 p.m. on the 27th ultimo and anchored in Junk Bay at 2.23 a.m. this morning. Experienced moderate to fresh winds and fine weather to lat. 9.30 S, long. 133.28, E., thence to lat. 2.36 N., long. 124.44 E. had moderate S.E. trades and fine weather also light variable winds and fine weather until the afternoon of the 7th instant, when experienced a strong breeze and squally weather with heavy N.E. seas. On the forenoon of the 8th had a strong westerly gale with heavy squalls and rain, thence to port variable winds and fine weather. Stopped on the afternoon of the 8th instant, and communicated with the Peruvian ship *Elvira Dorale* from Callao to Hongkong, she was 81 days out and wished to be towed to Hongkong as they were short of provisions.

An inquest was held yesterday afternoon at the Civil Hospital before Mr. H. B. Wodehouse, Coroner, and a jury composed of Messrs. E. Georg, G. McIntosh, and F. M. Luz, on the body of a Chinese female child named Chan Chou To, aged 7 years. Dr. Marques said that the body of the deceased was brought to the hospital at 8 o'clock p.m. on the 6th instant, he made a post mortem examination and found both lungs inflamed, but there were no marks of violence on the body. It appeared from the evidence taken that the deceased on the morning of the 3rd inst. about 9 o'clock complained that she did not feel well; some medicine were given to her by her adopted father and subsequently when she got worse a doctor was sent for, on the night of the 5th, and on the following morning another was sent for as she did not appear to get better, who prescribed for her, but she would not take the medicine, and died about 7 o'clock that morning. The matter was then reported at the Shaukiwan Station. The jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

A young gentleman was accusing another of having a big mouth. "Yes," said the other, "but nature had to make yours small, so as to give you plenty of cheek."

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

We take the following late telegrams from our Australian files to hand by the E. & A. S. Company's steamer *Bowen*:—

London, August 9.

Last night the House of Commons was further engaged in considering the amendments introduced by the Peers in the Irish Land Bill. Most of those changes involving the sacrifice of principle were finally rejected by the Commons.

It is generally expected the Lords will prove obdurate, and that the bill will consequently be lost for the present session.

New York, August 9.

The members of an Irish revolutionary Congress are sitting at Chicago and a dynamite (?) programme was adopted on Monday last.

The Congress failed to come to an understanding with regard to financial questions involved in the scheme.

Later.

The Irish Congress at Chicago has been characterized by much wrangling and high words.

Paris, August 9.

Jules Favre is visiting the provinces. In a speech at Nancy to-day he vehemently denounced the party of Irreconcilables.

Constantinople, August 9.

In accordance with instructions given to Lord Dufferin when assuming the post of Ambassador to the Porte, he is using his influence with the Sultan to induce him to initiate the reforms in Armenia stipulated for by the Anglo-Turkish Convention. Up to the present, however, the Sultan has shown little inclination to take the required action.

Further pressure is being brought to bear on the Sultan.

London, August 13.—The House of Lords insists upon the amendments it has made in the Irish Land Bill. Lord Salisbury, who has maintained a firm attitude, in a speech on the subject affirmed that the objections of the Upper House had not been met in a fair spirit by the Government and their supporters in the House of Commons. He advocated an appeal to the country, and expressed himself confident that the people would endorse the action taken by the House of Lords in connection with the Bill. A special meeting of the Cabinet has been called to consider what steps should be taken in the emergency. The Right Hon. Hugh Law, Attorney-General for Ireland, was specially summoned to attend the meeting and assist with his advice as to the course to be pursued. After mature deliberation, the Cabinet resolved that the amendments made in the Bill by the House of Lords should be firmly resisted.

It is rumoured that an Autumn Session of the Imperial Parliament will be held in the event of the Irish Land Bill being lost this session through the action of the House of Lords. The Ministry and their followers are confident that they will be supported in the course they have pursued by the will of the nation.

An informal conference of Liberals of both Houses of Parliament has been held to consider the situation, and a consensus of opinion was taken as to the course the Government should pursue with regard to the Irish Land Bill. The feeling was decidedly opposed to the action of the House of Lords.

The Press of the United Kingdom is generally unfavourable to the House of Lords in insisting on its amendments in the Irish Land Bill.

M. Gambetta has delivered an important political speech at Belleville, in which he repudiated the charge made against him that he has been aiming at a dictatorship. He advocated reforms in the army and in the magistracy, and also in reference to church revenues. He claimed that the foreign policy of France was dignified and firm.

The relations between Egypt and Abyssinia are strained.

Steps are being taken by the German Government to put a stop to the persecution of Jews within German territory.

Mr. Gladstone is to be entertained at a banquet by the Liberal party after the parliamentary session closes.

Mr. Charles Bradlaugh has taken a

trip to the seaside in order to recruit his health, which lately has not been good.

August 15.—The physicians attending General Garfield have issued a bulletin, which states that alarming symptoms of a relapse had set in, and the President is in serious danger. The same bulletin states that the President does not retain food on his stomach, but is constantly vomiting.

August 16.—The latest advices regarding the condition of the President are very discouraging. The patient has had a serious relapse, and very little hope is now entertained of his recovery.

Mr. Gladstone has proposed to consider the amendments made by the House of Lords *seriatim*, and is willing, and has accepted, the amendment relative to the Ulster Tenant Right, but he states he does not wish the term "compromise" applied to any of the concessions which the Government may make.

The Bill has been passed by the House of Commons, with some of the amendments of the House of Lords agreed to, but the more material alterations were not accepted. The Bill was then returned to the House of Lords, and the Marquis of Salisbury announced that he would not ask the House to insist further upon its amendments. The Bill was then passed.

The Imperial Parliament is to be prorogued on the 22nd instant. General satisfaction is expressed at the passing of the Irish Land Bill by the House of Lords.

No hopes are now entertained of President Garfield recovering from the wound he received from the assassin Guiteau, on the 2nd July. The last bulletin issued by the President's physicians states that the patient is sinking. His death is now hourly expected.

The Treasurer of the Irish Land League, in Dublin, has received a donation of £500 from Irishmen in Australia, towards the funds.

On the Irish Land Bill being received from the House of Commons in the House of Lords, Lord Salisbury stated that, in consideration of the fact that some of the amendments of the Upper House had been concurred in, he would not take any further action towards insisting on the amendments. The dangerous provisions had, he thought, been removed, and he hoped that the benefits expected from the measure would be realised. The Bill could, he said, do little harm to the landlords, and would probably do good to the tenants. The Bill, as altered by the Lower House, was then agreed to, and passed.

The New York "Bulletin" anticipates that the American harvest this year will show a heavy reduction in the yield of wheat, and that there will in consequence be but a small proportion available for export.

Intelligence has been received to the effect that the French camp at Cabes, in Tunis, has been surprised by a force of Arabs, and that considerable loss was sustained before the attack was repulsed.

Mr. Herbert Gladstone, member of the House of Commons for Leeds, and son of the Prime Minister, has been appointed one of the Junior Lords of Treasury, without salary.

M. Gambetta essayed to address a public meeting at Belleville, but was refused a hearing. The crowd hooted, and sang revolutionary songs.

Nihilism in Russia is reported to be spreading at an alarming rate. Numbers of the nobility, dissatisfied with the Czar's rule, are known to be joining in Nihilistic plots for the destruction of the Czar and the Grand Duke Vladimir, his brother.

ABSTRACT FROM "PEKING GAZETTES."

August 2nd.—(1 and 2). Decrees accepting the decision of the Board of Revenue as to the manner in which the deficits in the collection of the two Superintendents of live stock and house duty for Peking (reported in an earlier issue) shall be dealt with. The Tlsr-45 collected by the Superintendent

of the Eastern Division is to be handed to the Office of the Privy Purse, and both Superintendents are graciously absolved from the penalties to which they have laid themselves open by failing to raise the assessed revenue.

(3) Memorial from Tsén Yü-ying formerly Governor of Kueichow, now transferred to Fuhkien. When memorialist visited Tsun-yi Hsion last year in the course of his tour of military inspection, a strong representation was made to him by the gentry and people, pointing out the danger of the ferry across the river known as the Wu Chiang Ho, or Black River, at that place, and begging him if possible to supply them with a bridge. Tsun-yi is an important centre of traffic, and as mails and passengers have perforce to cross the river at that place, he thought right to accede to the urgent request of the people and build them a bridge. The current, however, is so rapid that neither a stone nor a wooden structure would be likely to stand its force, so he determined to construct them an iron suspension bridge. A suspension bridge requires certain natural facilities in the shape of mountain spurs running down to the water's edge on either side, on which stone stages can be erected to receive the chains, and these facilities the memorialist succeeded in finding at a place some four li above the ferry, where the river was about 200 feet wide. Contractors have already been entered into for the construction of the bridge, which it is estimated will cost about Tls. 20,000 at the outside, and probably about Tls. 15,000. Having no public funds at his disposal, he wrote to the Governor-General of Szechuen to ask if he could help him, and that high officer shortly furnished him with Tls. 10,000, which he had raised by contributions, and although memorialist wrote to protest against accepting more than half the necessary sum from another province, the Governor-General wrote back and begged him to take the money. Considering the utility of the undertaking memorialist deemed it best to accept this public-spirited offer, and in bringing the liberality of the Governor-General to His Majesty's notice he begs to add that he hopes to have the work completed in seven or eight months, and to raise the few thousand more taels that have yet to be furnished. His successor, the Acting Governor, will doubtless inspect the work when completed, and report finally to His Majesty.—Rescript: It is noted.

LATEST COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

Friday, September 9th, 1881.
One o'clock P.M.

Business on the Stock Exchange has made but a slight improvement since we last wrote. A few very small sales of Banks at 111 for cash were reported yesterday afternoon, and the stock may be quoted at that figure, although we are disposed to think that evidence of the slightest disposition on the part of would be purchasers to do business to any extent would send the stock up to a higher quotation. Small lots however might be obtained for cash at 110 this morning, although isolated transactions of such a minor character can hardly be fairly regarded as a guide to the actual position of the stock in the Market. Latest reports of Shanghai business in Banks are of no importance whatever, and doubtless the stock is suffering from the inevitable reaction after the recent sensational doings in the Model Settlement, to which we alluded a few days back. Steamboats are rather firmer, and a few sales at \$24 per share premium, were booked yesterday afternoon and this morning. Docks offer no inducements to purchasers, and sellers at 42 would be glad to deal if buyers could be found. Hotels are also weaker, and although we still quote 112, sellers, it would be difficult to say what is the legitimate quotation for this stock at present, so these figures must be regarded as quite nominal. A fair amount of transfers have been effected in Sugars at an advance on the former rate, about seventy-five shares changing hands

at 155, leaving off pretty firm at that rate. No other stocks require special notice.

Shares.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Shares—111 per cent. premium.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1.375 per share ex dividend.
China Fidelity Insurance Company's Shares—\$1,600 per share.
North China Insurance Company—Tls. 1,125 per share.
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 830 per share.
Chinese Insurance Company, —\$305 per share, Sellers.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 148 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company Shares—\$990 per share, Sellers.
China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$290 per share, Sellers.
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—42% premium Sellers.
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Company's Shares—\$24 per share premium, Sales.
China Coast Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 162 per share.
Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$85 per share.
Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$112 per share, Sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$155 per share, Sales.
China Sugar Refining Company (Debtors)—3 per cent premium.
Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$126 per share, Sellers.
Hongkong & China Bakery Company, Limited—\$43½ per share.
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1878—4% premium, Buyers.
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1881—3½% premium.

Exchange.

On LONDON,—
Bank Bills, T.T., 3/8½
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, 3/8½
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight, 3/8½
Credits, at 4 months' sight, ... 3/9
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight, 3/9½
On PARIS,—
Bank Bills, on demand, 4.66
Credits, at 4 months' sight, 4.77
On BOMBAY,—
Bank, T.T., 223½
On CALCUTTA,—
Bank, T.T., 223½
On SHANGHAI,—
Bank, T.T., 72½
Private, 30 days' sight, 73½

Hongkong Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Registry, Queen's-road).

HONGKONG, 8th & 9th Sept. 1881.
BAROMETER—1 P.M. 29.622
Do. 4 P.M. 29.618
THERMOMETER—1 P.M. 83.
Do. 4 P.M. 80.
Do. 1 P.M. (Wet bulb) 78.
Do. 4 P.M. Do. 77.
BAROMETER—9 A.M. 29.826
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. 78.
Do. 9 A.M. (Wet bulb) 77.
Do. Maximum 83.
Do. Minimum (over night) 77.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

Sept. 9, *Amoy*, British steamer, 814, Drewes, Canton 8th Sept., General.—Siemssen & Co.
Sept. 9, *Hwai-qua*, Chinese steamer, 984, O. Wilson, Canton 8th Sept., General.—C. M. S. N. Co.
Sept. 9, *Bowen*, British steamer, 844, Darke, Sydney August 21st, General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Sept. 9, *Olympia*, British steamer, for Hoihow.
Sept. 9, *Albay*, British steamer, for Amoy.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per British steamer *Bowen*, from Sydney, Mr. Walker, Mrs. Lo Keong and child, Mr. Tye Shing, Mr. and Mrs. Keorgham and family, and 108 Chinese.

MAILS.

The following mails will close:—

To-morrow, 10th September,—

For Singapore, Penang and London, per *Pekin*, at 11.30 a.m. For Saigon, per *Pernambuco*, at 4.30 p.m. For Hoihow and Haiphong, per *Lainan*, at 5 p.m. For Swatow, Amoy and Foochow, per *Namoa*, at 9.30 a.m. For Shanghai, per *Ash* and *Glenfruin*, at 11.30 a.m.

On Thursday, 15th September,—

For the United Kingdom and Europe via Brindisi; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, Gibraltar, and Mauritius, per *Brindisi*; printed matter at 2 p.m., letters at 3 p.m.

On Friday, 16th September,—

For Japan, San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Honolulu, Peru, &c., per *City of Tokio*, at 2.30 p.m. For Straits and Bombay, per *China*, at 3.30 p.m. For Kobe and Yokohama, per *Niigata Maru*, at 5 p.m.

On Thursday, 22nd September.—

For the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Barmah, Ceylon, India (via Madras), the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar, per *Anadyr*, for printed matter at 10 a.m., and letters at 11 a.m.

Oyster shells seven feet long have been unearthed in Kansas. The man who tackled "a dozen raw" in yestern days had a job before him.

You can excuse a man for taking a gloomy view of life when he names his child after a rich uncle and the uncle allows it, and then the day after baptism goes into bankruptcy.

The two important events in the life of man are when he examines his upper lip and sees the hair coming, and when he examines the top of his head and sees the hair going.

"What's the time of day, uncle?" inquired a young smarty of an old darkey, wearing a very loud watch chain, the other day. "Look at de town clock, ehile. Dat's built for po' folks," was the ready reply.

A despatch has been published from Sir John Walsham, Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at Berlin enclosing a copy of a supplementary convention of commerce and navigation between Germany and China, signed at Peking, March 31, 1880, with documents relating thereto. Sir John Walsham says: "In submitting the convention to the Reichstag the representative of the Government explained to the House that it was not the result of isolated action on the part of Germany, but the outcome of the joint negotiations in which the Treaty Powers had been engaged at Peking since 1868 with a view to a revision of existing conventions. He referred also to the non-ratification of the agreement between Great Britain and China which was signed at Chefoo on the 13th of September, 1876, and to the value of Sir Thomas Wade's assistance in discussing with Herr von Brandt the details of the present supplementary convention when both Ministers were in Europe during the year 1878." The Chinese make the following concession, contained in Article 1:—The harbours of Ichang, in Hupei; Wuha, in Anhui; Wanchow, in Chekiang; and Pakhoi, in Kwantung, and the landing-places Ta'ung and Anking in Anhui; Hak'ow in Kiangsi; Wusuh, Luchikow and Shashih, in Hukuang, having already been opened, German ships are in future also to be permitted to touch at the harbour of Wusung in the province of Kiangsu, to take in or discharge merchandise. The necessary regulations are to be drawn up by the Taotai of Shanghai and the competent authorities." With regard to the stipulation contained in Article 2 of the supplementary convention, that German sailing ships which lie for a longer time than 14 days in a Chinese port shall only pay for the time beyond that term the moiety of the tonnage dues settled by treaty, the two contracting parties have agreed "that the said stipulation shall first of all be introduced by way of trial and in case on carrying it out practical difficulties should arise, another stipulation may be put in its place on the basis of a renewed joint discussion by both parties."—*Times*.

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